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SUBJECT: CIVILIAN OPERATION OF BAKER-NUNN STATION

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1. USAF ADVISES THAT THE FIRST CONTINGENT (6 TO 8 PERSONS) OF BENDIX EMPLOYEES IS READY TO DEPART FOR NEW ZEALAND AS OF 15 AUGUST. FAILURE TO PROCEED ON SCHEDULE (PROVIDED REF B) WILL RESULT IN CONTRACTOR CLAIMS AGAINST USAF (E.G., DOLS 250 PER DIEM AND DOLS 1150 SALARY COSTS FOR EACH DAY OF DELAY). DELAY WILL ALSO NECESSITATE EXTENSION OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL NOW AT STATION ON A TDY BASIS, WITH RESULTANT COSTS AND OTHER PERSONNEL PROBLEMS. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO PRESS GNZ FOR IMMEDIATE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WHICH WILL PERMIT DEPARTURE OF BENDIX EMPLOYEES FOR NEW ZEALAND AND CONVERSION TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE SET FORTH REF B. IN OUR VIEW, TAX ISSUE AND WORDING OF
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FORMAL AGREEMENT CAN BE RESOLVED WHILE CONVERSION IS

TAKING PLACE.

2. INsofar AS TAX ISSUE IS CONCERNED, IN ADDITION TO
POINTS DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND

GNZ REPRESENTATIVES THAT 1963 AEROSPACE DISTURBANCES
AGREEMENT (T.I.A.S. 5350) INCLUDES TAX AND CUSTOMS
DUTY EXEMPTIONS FOR US CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (SEE PARAS 3
(C) AND 7 OF AGREEMENT). OMISSION OF COMPARABLE
PROVISIONS IN BAKER-NUNN AGREEMENT WAS DUE TO FACT THAT
USAF DID NOT CONTEMPLATE CONTRACTOR OPERATION OF STATION
AT TIME AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED. SISCO

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